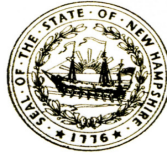


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Friends,

Each summer, the Governor & Council meet around the state in sites chosen by each Councilor. This past week we met in Plymouth, and **I am hosting the next Governor & Council meeting on Wednesday, September 4th at UNH in Durham.** It is open to the public – please drop me an email if you'd like to join us!

Also of note: the Governor & Council will hold a pardon hearing on the pardon petition of Thomas Schoolcraft, open to testimony by the public, on 8/21 at 8am in the Executive Council Chamber in the State House in Concord.

This week we tackled 98 items including projects:

(1) Impacting Merrimack Co & Central NH: OK'd public vehicle access on state-owned land behind the old Bindery building on Main St for the next 20 years, relicensed Concord Steam for 3 years, supported farmers' market deliveries to senior housing, and asked for an appraisal on a conservation easement in Canterbury along Morrill Pond.

(2) Impacting the Monadnock Region: Approved several road projects including paving 14 miles of NH9 in Stoddard and 3 miles on Rt9 in Keene & Roxbury, and \$150k in repairs to the granite arches & culvert systems in Westmoreland and Walpole damaged by this summer's flooding.

(3) Impacting Strafford & Belknap Co: Approved site improvements at the NH Army National Guard facility in Rochester.

(4) Other projects & policies with statewide impact: OK'd repair of the State House dome in Concord, contracted with a private firm to help reclaim some of the \$7.5 MM in NH taxes owed to us by out-of-state firms, increased salaries of Attorney General lawyers by an average of 3% for the first time in many years, accepted federal funds to equip Farmers Markets with electronic point-of-sale equipment to accept SNAP/food stamps, and approved several grants to regional tourism marketing associations for special projects.

Full details on each item below, as well as a list of all new nominations.

Sincerely,
Colin
Executive Councilor, District 2

FULL 8/14 AGENDA: <http://1.usa.gov/17eXwQ3>
(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

Note: I'm very grateful to the staff at the Secretary of State's office for posting, for the first time ever, the full 2,930 page Council agenda complete with all documentation so that members of the public can access the identical document as Councilors. It's a large file – 54 MB – but if you are interested, it is available here: <http://1.usa.gov/1cnlT57>

The Council:

1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH PROJECTS

[Authorized](#) to enter into a 20 year Driveway Use Agreement with Bindery Redevelopment LLC, to provide public vehicular access to the rear corner of the Bindery Redevelopment parcel located at 43-45 South Main Street in Concord using the abutting State-owned driveway, which also provides rear access from South Main Street to the State land and buildings located at 12 Hills Ave in Concord. Bindery Redevelopment LLC will not be charged for the use of the driveway but rather will assume sole responsibility for driveway repavement, maintenance, and snow removal throughout the term of the agreement. Effective upon G&C approval.

[Authorized](#) to amend a contract with Concord Steam Corporation, Concord, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 8-11-10, item #17), to operate the boiler plant located at the Governor Hugh J. Gallen State Office Park, by extending the term of the License for Use of Premises between the parties from August 31, 2013 to August 31, 2016, for a total additional amount not to exceed \$301,546.80. **100% License Fee Revenue (General Funds).**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Population Health and Community Services, Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Section, Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, to enter into an agreement with Community Action Program of Belknap and Merrimack Counties Inc., Concord, NH, to provide administrative oversight for the implementation of the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program in NH, in an amount not to exceed \$173,810. Effective October 1, 2013 or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through September 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) to enter into a contract with M.H. Beecy Appraisal Services, Manchester, NH, to conduct an appraisal to Uniform Standards for Federal Land Acquisition to determine the fair market value of a conservation easement on property in Canterbury, NH, up to the amount of \$4,000. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2013. **75% Federal, 25% Other (Wildlife Habitat).**

2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK PROJECTS

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Continental Industries Inc., Londonderry, NH, for pavement rehabilitation on 13.6 miles of NH 9 east of Granite Lake Road in the Towns of Stoddard and Hillsborough, on the basis of a low bid of \$4,158,111. (2) Further authorize a contingency in the amount of \$291,067.77 for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through July 18, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Pike Industries Inc., Belmont, NH, for pavement rehabilitation along 2.6 miles of NH Route 9 in Keene/Roxbury and 0.3 miles of NH Route 10 in Swanzey, on the basis of a low bid of \$2,842,355. (2)Further authorize a contingency in the amount of \$142,117.75 for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through August 1, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) for an appropriation to be established in the amount of \$150,000 to be utilized for the repairs to State owned and maintained stream bed drainage culvert systems in the Towns of Westmoreland and Walpole, NH, damaged by severe rain and flooding conditions experienced during the period of June 28, 2013 through July 2, 2013. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds (less anticipated 75% FEMA reimbursement).**

3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD/BELKNAP PROJECTS

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract with SUR Construction Inc., Rochester, NH, for the Rochester Site Improvements, for a total price not to exceed \$484,690. (2)Further authorize the amount of \$30,000 for payment to the Department of Administrative Services, Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction, for engineering services provided, bringing the total to \$514,690. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

4. DETAIL: STATEWIDE PROJECTS & POLICIES

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract with D. L. King Associates Inc., Nashua, NH for the State House Dome Repairs, Concord, NH, for a total price not to exceed \$972,890. (2)Further authorize the amount of \$57,650 for payment to the Department of Administrative Services, Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction, for Capital Clerk oversight services provided, bringing the total to \$1,030,540. Effective upon G&C approval through October 31, 2014. **100% Capital - General Funds.**

[Authorized](#) to enter into a contract with Premiere Credit of North America LLC, Indianapolis, IN, to perform Debt Collection Litigation Services for debts accumulated by out-of-state taxpayers for the Department. Effective upon G&C approval for one year from date of approval. This contract incurs no outlay of State funds as Premiere Credit is working on a percentage rate of recovery basis. As a first placement debt collector in the debt collection process, Premier Credit will retain 18% from any funds that are recovered without litigation, as a second placement debt collector in the collection process, Premiere Credit will retain 23% of funds collected without ligation; if litigation is required and approved by the Department, Premiere Credit shall retain 35%.

[Authorized](#) salary increases for attorneys in the Department of Justice. Effective for the pay period ending August 22, 2013 to be paid on September 6, 2013. Effective upon G&C approval.

[uthorized](#) to accept and expend Federal Funds in the amount of \$54,044 from the US Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services, to support Farms, and Farmer's Market participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for the purpose of expanding the availability of wireless point-of-sale equipment to farmers and

Farmer's Markets who were not SNAP authorized on or before November 18, 2011. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Division of Travel and Tourism to award grants to the organizations as detailed in letter dated July 17, 2013, in the total amount of \$544,948.33 for their 2013-2014 in-state and out-of-state marketing projects under the Joint Promotional Program. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds.**

5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS & NOMINATIONS:

(* = District 2 Resident)

This week also saw the resignation of Superior Court Justice John Lewis of Durham. This seat will be filled by Governor & Council at an upcoming meeting.

Nominated by Governor Hassan:

Deputy Commissioner of Health and Human Services: Marilee Nihan, Bow
Commissioner of the Department of Labor: James W. Craig, Manchester
University System Board of Trustees: John H. Lynch, Hopkinton*
Athletic Trainers Governing Board: Eleanor M. Beltz, Manchester
Apprenticeship Advisory Council: Elizabeth Skidmore, Manchester
Board of Barbering, Cosmetology and Esthetics: Holly Rodrigues, Manchester
Dept of Enviro Services Dir of Air Resources: Craig A. Wright, Loudon
Fish and Game Commission: Walter A. Morse, Hillsborough
Dir of Document Processing at the Dept of Revenue Admin: Debra A. Bourbeau, Bow
Rivers Management Advisory Committee: Anne D. Krantz, Amherst
Wetlands Council: Ryan Crosbie, Lee
Fire Standards and Training Commission: William S. Campbell, Amherst
Stephen M. Carrier, Gilford
Health Services Planning and Review Board: Robert G. Bridgham, Eaton Center
Debra S. Grabowski, Raymond
Paul Spiess, Amherst

Confirmed:

Board of Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics: Kimberly A. Hannon, Hopkinton*
Department of Safety, Dir of Administration: Elizebeth A. Bielecki, Bedford
Higher Education Commission: Peter T. Koch, Stratham
Motor Vehicle Industry Board: Lawrence J. Blaney, Manchester
Nashua Police Commission: Thomas J. Pappas, Nashua
Pesticides Control Board: Jeffrey M. Taylor, Richmond
State Committee on Aging: Kathryn C. Cauble, Freedom; Sherri W. Harden, Goffstown;
Margaret Moser, Lancaster